PARAGRAPH WRITING RUBRIC

| **Score** | **Focus** | **Organization** | **Development** | **Language and Vocabulary** | **Conventions** |
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| **4** | Student maintains focus on the topic and uses the Greek/Latin root words appropriately throughout the paragraph | Student has written an easy-to-follow paragraph that has a strong and logical beginning, middle, and end | Student has written 9+ complete sentences | Student uses more than 12 Greek/Latin root words appropriately, and they are highlighted in the paragraph | Student applies advanced grammar, usage, capitalization, punctuation, and spelling |
| **3** | Student maintains focus on the topic and uses Greek/Latin root words appropriately through most of the paragraph  -or-  Student uses Greek/Latin root words throughout the paragraph and somewhat maintains focus on the topic | Student has written an easy-to-follow paragraph that has a clear beginning, middle, and end | Student has written 7-9 complete sentences  -or-  Student has written 9+ sentences, but they are not complete | Student uses 10-12 Greek/Latin root words appropriately, and they are highlighted in the paragraph  -or-  Student uses 12 or more Greek/Latin root words appropriately, but they are not highlighted in the paragraph | Student applies conventions within the paragraph at grade level and spelling is correct throughout the paragraph |
| **2** | Student somewhat maintains focus on the topic and appropriately utilizes ***MOST*** of the Greek/Latin root words throughout the entire paragraph | Student has written a paragraph that is difficult to follow or does not have a clear beginning, middle, and end | Student has written 7-9 sentences that are not complete  -or-  Student has written fewer than 7 sentences, but they are complete | Student uses 7-9 Greek/Latin root words appropriately, and they are highlighted in the paragraph  -or-  Student uses 10-12 Greek/Latin root words appropriately, but they are not highlighted in the paragraph | Student uses grade-level conventions within the paragraph, but there are a few spelling errors  -or-  Student uses appropriate spelling throughout the paragraph, but there are a few convention errors |
| **1** | Student is unable to maintain focus on the topic and is unable to appropriately use Greek/Latin root words in the paragraph | Student has written a paragraph that is difficult to follow and does not have a beginning, middle, and/or end | Student has written fewer than 7 sentences, and they are not complete | Student uses fewer than 7 Greek/Latin root words, and they are not highlighted in the paragraph  -or-  Student does not use root words appropriately in the paragraph | Student has multiple convention and spelling errors |
|  | **/4** | **/4** | **/4** | **/4** | **/4** |

**Total Score:**   **/20**

| **Below Basic** | **Basic** | **Proficient** | **Advanced** |
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| 5-7 | 8-12 | 13-17 | 18-20 |